



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Adaptive Recreation Center
8102 E. Jackrabbit Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

PRESENT: Chair Eric Maschhaupt, Vice-Chair Michael Vreeland, Commissioners Jamie Alford, Amy Arnold, Sandy Kull, Susan McGarry, and Teresa Kim Quale

STAFF: Deputy Director Kevin McKee; Parks and Recreation Managers Kyu-Bin Hyun, Chris Walsh, Hezekiah Allen, Chris Haws, Stephanie Tippet; Principal Planner Eileen Baden; Operations Supervisor Kelsey Lamper

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maschhaupt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as listed above.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Written Comment Cards

There were no written comment cards submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Non-Agendized Items

Steve Sutton commented that small rubber toys can pose a potentially deadly choking hazard to large dogs. He encouraged the City to ban small toys that could be swallowed by large dogs from dog parks.

Lawrence Clark spoke about enforcing posted park rules. He said he was trespassed for spraying insect repellent, which is not posted as a violation. He opined that people who rent space at the parks are allowed to break the rules, and those that are not paying have to follow rules.

MINUTES

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2025

COMMISSIONER QUALE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 15, 2025, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ARNOLD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MASCHHAUPT, VICE-CHAIR VREELAND, COMMISSIONERS ALFORD, ARNOLD, KULL, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Public Comment – Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agendized items.

1. PARKS AND PRESERVE SALES TAX MONTHLY UPDATE

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an update on capital projects and other improvements funded by the Parks and Preserve sales tax. It was noted that the Parks and Preserve sales tax has enabled Eileen Bates to be hired as principal planner for the department. Updates were given on the following projects:

- Sport court resurfacing and improvement projects at Chaparral Park, Apache Park, Papago Rotary Park, and Comanche Park.
- Upcoming tree pruning projects will focus on Cholla Park, Northsight Phase I, and Scottsdale Ranch Park.
- New tree planting that has taken place in response to storm damage which occurred several years ago at Zuni Park and Comanche Park.
- Dugout shade improvements are planned for every dugout throughout the city. SUSD sites will receive improvements using Youth Sports Field Allocation funds.
- Eldorado Park sod installation has been completed. Mr. Walsh commended Chris Haws and Hezekiah Allen for their work in cleaning up from recent storms and preparing for the sod installation.
- Vista del Camino Park south entry improvements, including new trees and plants, as well as granite replacement.
- Xeriscape Design improvement locations have been identified at Indian School Park, Osborn Park, Comanche Park, and Scottsdale Sports Complex entry. Staff is working with Scottsdale Water on possible rebates and funding assistance for turf removal.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Walsh gave an update on the Pima Park water shed project. He explained that some of the shared funding that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was counting on for drainage improvements was not appropriated, which could impact the park improvements project. Brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of redirecting parks and preserve funding from the Pima project to a different park in south Scottsdale. A presentation outlining tax projections versus tax collections will be agendized for an upcoming meeting.

2. INDIAN SCHOOL PARK FUTURE PLANNING

Kevin McKee, Deputy Director, provided a brief overview of the Indian School Park Site Master Plan completed in 2024 and provided status updates for future implementation strategies. His presentation included review of the Indian School Park Master Plan process conducted in Spring of 2023 and a summary of the outreach results and amenities that were identified as big needs. The final concept will include a 95,000 square foot multigenerational center, destination playground, splashpads, and pickleball courts. Mr. McKee talked about future considerations and continuing current operations, noting that when the project moves forward, a short-term transition process will have to be considered. The biggest question is where the funding will come from for the estimated \$140 million project. The Indian Bend Wash Master Plan will help in determining what will ultimately go into Indian School Park.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. McKee explained that the Indian Bend Wash System Plan will determine where amenities will be located throughout the system in order to be balanced. Chaparral Park and Camelback Park will be part of that plan in helping determine what amenities will go in Indian School Park. Mr. McKee said that under the current design, there would be the ability to continue most of the operations while a multigenerational center is being built.

3. STAFF UPDATES

- Adaptive Recreation program

Kelsey Lamper, Operations Supervisor, gave an overview of the purpose of Scottsdale's adaptive recreation program and the most common disorders affecting participants. She reviewed the support opportunities which are available through the Adaptive Recreation Center and the core program areas. She highlighted the achievements of the Special Olympics, Scottsdale Bobcats, the Special Olympics Healthy LEAP program, social and recreation opportunities, ADA accommodations, and facility highlights.

Ms. Lamper announced that Scottsdale Adaptive Recreation was awarded a one-time \$20,000 grant through the National Recreation Parks Association and MUSCO Lighting, which was used to extend Special Olympics sports to more youth. The second part of the grant was for \$100,000 of in-kind lighting infrastructure, which was used to install lighting at Chaparral basketball court. Ms. Lamper encouraged Commissioners to attend the Special Olympics Arizona regional soccer tournament on Saturday, December 20, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Lamper explained that the programs are primarily marketed through word-of-mouth. Most of the programs are free with a few having nominal fees, and Scottsdale residents get a discounted rate.

Mr. McKee commended adaptive recreation staff for rebuilding the adaptive recreation program after it was mostly shut down during COVID.

4. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McGarry commented about the Fall Festival attendance. Mr. McKee said that they have estimated attendance at approximately 12,000, which is a huge increase from the typical 2,500. He credited the new social media event promotion for the severe increase in attendance.

Commissioner Kull said that she enjoyed attending Canal Convergence.

Commissioner Quale said that she has signed up to be a Special Olympics volunteer.

Chair Maschhaupt said that he attended Fall Festival. He commented that the large crowd made it difficult to tell what was going on.

Vice-Chair Vreeland commented on the size of the crowd at Fall Festival. He said he enjoyed attending Canal Convergence. He suggested considering adding volleyball courts to the master plan, noting that Scottsdale Unified School District is introducing boys volleyball.

Commissioner Arnold said that she was shocked at the number of people who attended Fall Festival. She said that she attended City of Scottsdale Government 202, understanding Scottsdale's Budget and Finances; participated in an interactive community walking assessment at Horizon Park; participated in the Scottsdale 40th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair as well as Canal Convergence; and rented ebikes and rode the greenbelt for 14 miles.

Commissioner Alford participated in the police academy. She commented that the program included an interesting presentation from park rangers and bike and horse patrol officers. She said that people she plays tennis with at Scottsdale Ranch had positive comments about the new landscaping.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Kevin McKee, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, presented a summary of the proposed agenda for the December meeting and tentative future agenda items for meetings through May.

6. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER QUALE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ARNOLD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MASCHHAUPT, VICE-CHAIR VREELAND, COMMISSIONERS ALFORD, ARNOLD, KULL, MCGARRY, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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